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## **SB 1283**

Introduced by  
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Representatives Aguirre A, Alvarez

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-102, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 15-102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4              15-102. Parental involvement in the school; definition

5       A. The governing board, in consultation with parents, teachers and  
6 administrators, shall develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement  
7 of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the  
8 school district, including:

9              1. A plan for parent participation in the schools which is designed to  
10 improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance  
11 and discipline.

12              2. Procedures by which parents may learn about the course of study for  
13 their children and review learning materials.

14              3. Procedures by which parents who object to any learning material or  
15 activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw their children from the  
16 activity or from the class or program in which the material is used.  
17 Objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful  
18 includes objection to a material or activity because it questions beliefs or  
19 practices in sex, morality or religion.

20              B. The policy adopted by the governing board pursuant to this section  
21 may also include the following components:

22              1. A plan by which parents will be made aware of the district's  
23 parental involvement policy and the provisions of this section, including:

24                  (a) Rights under the family educational rights and privacy act of 1974  
25 (20 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 1232g) relating to access to children's  
26 official records.

27                  (b) The parent's right to inspect the school district policies and  
28 curriculum.

29                  2. Efforts to encourage the development of parenting skills.

30                  3. The communication to parents of techniques designed to assist the  
31 child's learning experience in the home.

32                  4. Efforts to encourage access to community and support services for  
33 children and families.

34                  5. The promotion of communication between the school and parents  
35 concerning school programs and the academic progress of the parents'  
36 children.

37                  6. Identifying opportunities for parents to participate in and support  
38 classroom instruction at the school.

39                  7. Efforts to SUPPORT, with appropriate training, ~~support~~ parents as  
40 shared decision makers and to encourage membership on school councils.

41                  8. The recognition of the diversity of parents and the development of  
42 guidelines that promote widespread parental participation and involvement in  
43 the school at various levels.

44                  9. The development of preparation programs and specialized courses for  
45 certificated employees and administrators that promote parental involvement.

1       10. The development of strategies and programmatic structures at  
2 schools to encourage and enable parents to participate actively in their  
3 children's education.

4       C. For the purposes of this section, "parent" means the parent or  
5 person who has custody of the child.